

STATE FEDERATION PLANS FIGHT ON 'RIGHT TO WORK' INITIATIVE

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

Sponsors of "Home Front" disunity succeeded further in their campaign to weaken the war effort when they managed just to edge over their misleading "Right to Employment" petition for qualification by a little more than 1100 names. This tight-squeeze victory for the opponents of a United Front against our enemies now places a terrible burden upon the labor movement of California and every liberty-loving citizen in the state. THERE CAN BE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT THIS NAZI IRON HEEL PROPOSAL WITH EVERY DUNCE OF ENERGY AT OUR COMMAND.

Anticipating this gruesome possibility, the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor took definite steps to organize

the campaign against the exponents of disunity.

Detailed suggestions on what is to be done, and a copy of the Executive Council's resolution organizing this campaign to protect the home front for the boys who will be returning from the front to every affiliated union in California. The steps provided are as follows:

(1) Each union is asked to contribute the sum of \$1.00 per member to help defray the expenses that will be involved in fighting the anti-victory proposal.

(2) Every local union and central labor council is requested to establish immediately a campaign committee that will begin at once to coordinate its efforts and plans to defeat this attack on freedom.

(3) Every local union must see to it that each of its members who is qualified to vote

becomes a registered voter. The deadline is September 28th, and no local union should tolerate a slacker on its rolls.

Further instructions will be sent to the affiliated unions and councils in the near future. In the meantime, the Federation wishes to stress that there is no time to lose in getting our campaign under way as the November elections are not far off.

A special campaign fund will be created by the Federation, and the Executive Council of the Federation will act as the state-wide campaign committee. A certified public accountant will audit the specially created fund and a financial report will be issued to the Federation's membership.

The Federation had hoped fervently that the disrupters' campaign would fail to qualify, for

we wanted to spare the people of California the unforgivable and criminal waste of energy and effort that fighting such a measure will entail. The California State Federation of Labor was not alone in wishing to avoid such a development—the Governor of California, the State Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Employers Council, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the Oakland Employers, Inc., and a number of other employer groups and civic bodies all have repudiated the "Right to Employment" petition and condemned the chaos it will bring, as well as its serious disruption of the war effort.

The mere fact that such authoritative opposition to this nefarious campaign has failed to dissuade the determined, selfish zealots responsible for it should be more than enough to

impress every loyal American citizen that these people must be taught a lesson so decisively that they will stand discredited for all time before the impartial bar of public opinion and never be able to revive their hooligan-un-American antics. This can be accomplished by a powerful vote rejecting this measure in the November election, so that the whole proposal will be discarded once and for all into the same rubbish heap from which numerous other anti-democratic measures have emanated.

Knowing how much the winning of the war depends upon unslackening production, and how the truly miraculous production record of our country depends wholly on the most intense concentration of effort and whole-hearted cooperation between management and labor, the Federation wanted to avoid such a fight as this at this time, and did all that it could to

prevent it. The thought of the manpower that must now be utilized in waging a campaign to defeat this un-American measure is horrifying. But we shall not permit our boys to come home from war to find that the gains they had made on the home front have been swept away, and their future as wage-earners in jeopardy.

The Federation did not want this fight, but that does not mean that it will shirk it. Too much is involved, and it would be sheer dereliction of duty for labor to stand by while efforts are made to shackle California with a Nazi collar.

Each local union is again being reminded to carry out the three tasks enumerated above. There is no time to lose. Every member of organized labor must get busy at once and do his and her share in striking another blow at nazism in California.

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Representatives of Four Counties Attend Meeting Of Butcher Dist. Council

Discussion of the tannery situation in the bay region, as it affects union members, featured the gathering of the District Council of Butchers of Local 506 at the San Jose Labor Temple last Sunday, reports Earl Moorhead. It was announced that a majority of the tannery workers will receive a wage increase—in most cases retroactive.

It was also announced that the War Labor Board decision on "butcherettes" for country butchers outside of the Bay area provided for the following scales:

First, second and third month, \$30.

Fourth and fifth month, \$31.50.

Sixth and seventh month, \$33.50.

Eighth month and thereafter, \$35.

The above increases are retroactive as of June 1, 1943.

The Council voted to concur in the recommendation of the trustees that it purchase another \$500 "G" war bond.

Acting on the recent decision of the International convention, the Council voted to waive initiation fees for honorably discharged service men, but that each local would be given authority to use its own judgment as to when and where such waiver would apply.

Delegates were notified that Pete Farr of Local 506, whose leg was amputated some time ago, has received a \$300 check to pay for an artificial limb. Money for this was raised by selling membership subscriptions for two war bonds among affiliates in the four counties. Farr was not only presented with the \$300, but also the two bonds. He is back on the job now, feeling fine, and thanks the union for, as he puts it, "helping to put him on his feet again."

On the discussion agenda at the meeting was the campaign against the "Right to Employment" measure to be voted on in November.

Kaspar Bauer delivered a very interesting and instructive talk on the "Evolution of Labor."

Wives of the delegates served

lunch at the Labor Temple, and all adjourned in the evening for dinner at the Costa Hotel.

Among those attending the Council meeting were Fred Fecl, president, who was in the chair; William Acebo, president of the Watsonville local; Frank Reese, president of the Palo Alto local; Herman Bachman of Palo Alto; Frank Chick of the Gilroy and Hollister local; James Errington and Harry Bock of Salinas; Gene Hellam, secretary, and Floyd Harris, president, of the Monterey local; Earl Moorhead, Fred Fecl, Jack Brown and Lester Nagle of San Jose; Kaspar Bauer, international organizer from Santa Cruz; Ed Michelson, business agent of the San Mateo local.

ELECTRICIANS INSTAL HEADS

At a special meeting held by Electrical Workers 243 recently officers were elected for the new term. Those chosen were:

President: E. M. Bills.

Vice-President: E. R. Silk.

Recording Secretary: C. B. Phillips.

Financial Secretary: Paul Butler.

Treasurer: Vincent Tucker.

Business Manager: C. B. Phillips.

Executive Board: E. M. Bills, Vincent Tucker, E. R. Silk, Paul Butler, L. E. Fowle, Walter Trumbell, George Hartnell.

Installation of officers was held July 11 at the Labor Temple.

FROM THE WAREHOUSEMEN'S CORNER

Fruit & Produce Drivers, Warehousemen 890, Salinas, California
P. A. ANDRADE, Secretary

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS NOW!
Spend Union Wages for Union Products & Services

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25th, at 8:00 P. M. The company informed the union that the plant will be shut down for that day, so in view of that information there will be only one meeting held.

On June 24, your union published in its column an article dealing with the importance of voting, pointing out the importance of casting your vote at the general election to be held in November. On May 26, your union again pointed out the importance of registering to vote. This column will contain articles dealing with measures such as the one pointed out in our last column, showing what will happen if we are not prepared to vote in the November election.

In November you will be faced with a measure entitled "Right to Employment"—this has been qualified with the necessary signatures. It is going to mean a fight for your lives, because if this measure is adopted it will virtually destroy all unions which are now functioning; and the best you will be able to do under the law will be to work under an open-shop condition. Aside from that, your local constitution provides that all members after a specified time must follow the process of the law and be registered voters in the community in which they live.

Your Executive Board met last

week and recommended several measures, one of which was that the dance be postponed; also carried that your union will give away to its members in attendance one baby bond, broken up into three \$6.25 bonds. This will be done once a month. The Board hopes that this will increase the attendance at the meetings.

DON'T FORGET THE MEETING which will be held at the Teamsters Hall, July 25th at 8 p.m.

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Salute Ava!



Streamlined Movie Actress Ava Gardner holds dolls representing the army, navy and marine corps, whose men have made her a pin-up favorite from barracks to fox-hole. (Federated Pictures)

FDR SIGNS PRICE BILL, BUT FEARFUL OF CHANGES

Washington, D. C. President Roosevelt signed the price control extension act despite labor's united protest, but significantly warned that if the relaxing of enforcement provisions inserted by Congress proved helpful to chiselers and blackmarket operators, he would ask an amendment.

The President praised the manner in which the line has been held and complimented Congress for standing "firm against any departure from the basic principles which have made it possible."

But, he went on, "some of the amendments introduced... may make it somewhat harder to hold the line. But I am advised by the enforcing agencies that in their opinion the line can be held against inflationary price increases if they are supported in a firm administration of the law in accordance with its basic objectives."

"The provisions of the extension act which give me the most concern are those reacting to enforcement. No act is any better than its enforcement. No act, least of all a price control act, can be effectively enforced without the support of the people affected by it."

"...I fear that the changes made will weaken and obstruct the effective enforcement of the law. I hope that experience may not justify my fear. But if it should turn out that the enforcing officers encounter serious difficulties in bringing chiselers and black-market operators to book, I shall ask the Congress to remove the difficulties."

And now Tom Dewey will give to the campaign all the relentless energy that he devoted to not being a candidate.

Get That Security Card!

Boys and girls under 20 who take jobs in war plants or the canneries should get a social security card to take with them, said John J. Cassidy, manager of the Social Security Board office in San Jose. "War plants and canneries require every worker to have a social security card before he is put on the pay roll."

Every employer on jobs covered by the law must have a record of the name and social security number of all persons on his pay roll, whether they work full time or part time. Application blanks for securing cards may be obtained at any post office if there is not a Social Security Board field office in the town where the worker lives.

Those patriotic citizens who expect to assist the canneries during the peak period should be certain to apply to this office for a social security account number before applying for work. By so doing they will be able to go to work without delay. Those who reside outside the city of San Jose may call at the nearest Post Office or United States Employment Service office for an application blank, which, upon completion, should be mailed to the Social Security Board, Room 204 Post Office Building, San Jose.

Those who have lost or misplaced their social security account number card should not delay in applying for a duplicate account number card and those women who have married or remarried should make application for a change in name. This application may also be obtained at any Post Office or United States Employment Service office.

BARBERS TO HOLD MEET MONDAY

Wm. G. Kenyon, secretary of Journeymen Barbers 827, reminds all members that a meeting will be held next Monday, July 17, at 8 p.m.

Members are also warned that a proposal providing a fine of \$2 to be placed on any member for non-attendance (regardless of where he may reside) has been passed at readings at three regular meetings. Fines will be levied upon approval by a vote of the local, and this step has been approved by the International.

Steel Workers Awarded Maintenance Privilege

Milwaukee, Wisconsin Maintenance of membership and checkoff were won by Local 1527, United Steelworkers, in Chain Belt Co. plants, by action of the National War Labor Board on appeal from the regional board.

Republican Platform? Same Old Stuff About 'Free Enterprise'

Chicago, Illinois Its feet firmly planted in the sands of time—A.D. 1920—the Republican elephant looks upon the past with confidence in the platform adopted in 1944.

As for world relations, the GOP is solidly for international cooperation. But it was upon such a platform that Warren G. Harding turned his back on the League of Nations in favor of isolationism in 1921.

As for domestic affairs, the GOP is 100% for "free enterprise," as it was in 1920. It looks forward with greatest confidence to a repetition of the 1920's, if government will balance the budget, adopt an economy program a la Mellon-Hoover, and refuse to shoulder its responsibilities for developing full employment.

That's about all there is to the Republican platform. Several million words have been written about it, but 100 words would do just as well.

'We Must Defeat Measure,' Warns Labor Council in Its Monthly News Letter

Instead of workers being able to devote all of their energy to production, and purchase more war bonds they are now being asked to spend valuable time and money to fight fascism on the home front. The California State Federation of Labor is taking the lead in this fight and is asking each local union in the State to contribute the sum of \$1.00 per member as soon as possible that they may obtain radio time and billboards and numerous other means of publicity to bring to the voters of California the injustice of such a bill that will nullify the union or closed shop.

Each union member is asked to make him or herself chairman of a committee to educate his family and friends to the reason they must be registered to vote that they might defeat this vicious bill in November. To those unions that are not affiliated with the State Federation you are urged to send in your contribution of \$1.00 per member, if all locals contribute this amount it will not work too great a hardship on anyone. "WE MUST DEFEAT THIS MEASURE!"

LABOR COUNCIL INDORSES MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR NEWS

The success and growth of the Labor movement in Monterey County is in a great measure dependent on a widespread knowledge of the facts and forces at work within the Labor movement, and no democratic Labor movement can progress faster than its general membership will permit, and it is essential that each and every member keep informed in the aims and principles of organized labor.

The Central Labor Council urges all locals in Monterey County to subscribe to the Labor News. Any local may have a column in this paper regarding the happenings in that union.

Legion Attacks Candidate For Fascist Views

Chicago, Illinois Charles J. Anderson Jr., Republican pro-fascist candidate for Congress in the 6th Chicago district, was denounced by American Legion Post 781 as being "guilty of un-American utterances echoing Nazi propaganda against American minority groups and the war."

"Put this down in your memorandum": Check to see if you are a registered voter, your family, also the neighbor next door.

"Better find out if you can't buy just another War Bond."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. KENYON, Secretary.

Los Angeles, Calif.

California war veterans refused to have any truck with reactionary big business—GOP interests trying to seduce them into union busting with promises of post-war jobs.

With thanks from organized labor, the Veterans of Foreign Wars in their annual encampment here passed a resolution flatly opposing the phony right-to-work amendment sponsored by the anti-labor Merchants & Manufacturers Association and Republican Assemblyman John B. Knight. The VFW branded the measure, which would wreck all existing union shop contracts, as a potential incitement to industrial warfare, if enacted.

Sparing no expense in the campaign for signatures to the amendment petition, the MMA has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on radio and press propaganda claiming that the measure would insure returning GI's jobs by outlawing the closed shop. Both AFL and CIO are fighting the measure, and the California Chamber of Commerce and several other business groups refuse to touch it because it is so viciously anti-union.

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WILLIAM G. KENYON, Secretary Monterey County Central Labor Council, AFL.

Launch 'Sam Gompers' In Tribute to Labor



An outstanding event in labor circles took place recently at Shipyard No. 2 at Richmond, California, when the S. S. Samuel Gompers, named after the famed labor leader, was launched. Pictured above are the women who headed up the launching ceremonial. Left to right are Mrs. Al Wynn, wife of the secretary of the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, who was matron of honor; Mrs. Alexander J. Gompers, daughter-in-law of Samuel Gompers, sponsor; Mrs. C. J. Haggerty, wife of the secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, also matron of honor; Mrs. Arlette Lewis, wife of Corporal Lewis of the U. S. Air Corps, now employed at the shipyard, flower girl.

SHOW COST OF LIVING MOVIES!

When talk gets tiresome, try pictures. For unions pushing cooperation with OPA to hold the cost of living down, OPA has a half dozen movies and sound-slide films. Your union can get them at the district OPA office, which usually can help find a projector also.

Prices Unlimited, with Leon Errol, is a humorous account of what might happen if wartime price control and rationing were ended suddenly. Seattle Story tells how one city licked price rises to a great extent. Black Marketing is a factual account of illegal operations that make it tough to get meat at times. These pictures run 16 minutes. Others are longer.

California Vets Refuse to Aid In Anti-Union Drive

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THAT FORM 10 Unions Should Be Careful In Preparing It!

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Two Regional Boards have established the policy that once a company and a union have put their signatures to a joint request for a voluntary wage adjustment for submission to the War Labor Board, the act is to be considered final and binding, and no "escape clause" will permit either party to change its mind or withdraw from the commitment entered into.

The first case involved the Martin Bros. Box Company of Toledo, Ohio, and the Cleveland Regional Board, after holding a show-cause hearing, found that the union's allegation that the company had failed to carry out its part of the bargain by refusing to make retroactive payments and wage adjustments was substantiated. Public Member Harry J. Dwerkin said, among other things:

"The Form 10 procedure has been devised as a prompt and convenient device for the effective and final solution of wage questions, where no disputes have arisen. It would be weakened into impotency should encouragement be given to the making of such adjustments subject to a review of the Board upon application by a recalcitrant party in disregard of the Director's ruling. The interests of the nation require the strengthening of this procedure and not its weakening."

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

In the other case, the Philadelphia Regional Board denied the right of the union to withdraw from its voluntary Form 10 commitment in spite of the fact that the union claimed that, had it been given an opportunity, it could have presented a better case which would have resulted perhaps in approval of its wage request which had been denied. The Regional Board in this case accepted the recommendations of its Hearing Officer that, inasmuch as the union never filed a petition for review, the matter would be considered closed, and the union was ordered to abide by the negative ruling of the Wage Stabilization Director.

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The Labor Editor Speaks

THE CAMPAIGN TEST

When you are listening to candidates for Congressional seats or for the Presidential post, note particularly what they do not say. Do they say: "We are against—"

1. Monopolies?
2. Cartels and combines in restraint of trade?
3. The hiding and non-use of valuable patents?
4. Labor spies and private armies?
5. Evasion of the income tax?
6. Laws that restrict the ballot?
7. Race prejudice and submerged minorities?

Do they say: "We are for—"

1. Full employment?
2. Co-operative and mutual societies?
3. Education for ALL?
4. Health services for EVERYBODY?

5. An economy of abundance—and the social steps that this phrase involves?

You might start in by trying all these negative and positive questions on Mr. Dewey!

WHAT FREE ENTERPRISE MEANS

The CED (Committee for Economic Development) is the "action" committee of the National Association of Manufacturers.

John F. Fenelly, its executive director, spoke to its last national convention as follows:

"Full employment would be incompatible with the free enterprise system which carries with it the right to a normal float of unemployment."

Again, Marion B. Folsom, chairman of the Field Development Program of the CED, is reported to have said:

"A job for every person willing and able to work is absolutely incompatible with the free enterprise system."

In other words, employers consider that they have a right to have enough unemployed to keep the workers in constant fear of losing their jobs, thus keeping wages down. The same men who are screaming for the preservation of the "free enterprise" system are really mainly concerned about their freedom to gouge the workers and consumers. The right of every man and woman to steady, remunerative employment doesn't concern them. Here you have a perfect picture of capitalism, and if the gentlemen who operate that system don't change their ways the people will eventually change it for them!

WAR FOR ARISTOCRACY?

American soldiers in France and Italy bitterly complain that while they are undergoing incredible hardships, their comrades wounded and dying, their government is maintaining the fascist-minded rich in luxury and power. While the commoners are being fed scantily from American stores, the young aristocrats taunt them with having to fight while they revel in high living, sports, amusements and extravagant luxury.

The British government, and the U. S. Government trailing, have adopted a policy of maintaining the status quo—leaving the pro-nazis and the rich in control and the masses in poverty and starvation.

Our soldiers want to know why they should fight and die just to bolster up the position of these parasitic groups.

PARTISAN NON-PARTISANISM

In his "key-note" speech at the Republican convention, Governor Earl Warren's bitter attack on Roosevelt's "New Deal" brings into question his declaration that he was a non-partisan candidate for governor.

Warren's vitriolic condemnation of the bureaucrats—"and over all of us the ominous, gargantuan figure of an arrogant, power-intoxicated bureaucracy"—failed to state that Congress created and continued these bureaucrats. If Goebbels had said that—what would we think?

ADVICE TO PARTY SPEAKERS

If you have a strong candidate and a weak platform, dwell on the virtues of the candidate. If you have a weak candidate and a strong platform, stand on the platform.

If you have neither a strong candidate nor a strong platform, praise God, sing the Star Spangled Banner, wave the flag, and defend the Constitution.

SHORT AND SWEET

Best speech of the Republican national convention was made by Bishop Sims, a negro divine of Maryland. Fluent, inspiring, convincing, he said: "Our expressed desire for freedom for the peoples of the world should begin here at home."

THE DEVIL A SAINT WOULD BE

To escape the higher rates of taxes for excess profits some of the big corporations are about to establish pension funds for employees. The government insists that such pensions must not favor high officials and highly paid workers.

HEALTH



By
Dr. Geo.
Sciaroni

Fresno
Calif.

Fear, Enemy of Man

Fear is an instinct as old as man himself. In our primitive struggle for existence the men who fought hardest and ran fastest were the ones who survived.

The man who always fights is foolhardy. The man who always runs is a coward. But the truly wise man is the one who knows when to fight and when to run.

When an object of danger threatens our lives, our minds recognize that danger. The telephone system of the brain clears for long-distance. All the little messages of day-dreaming, petty ideas, and anxieties get off the wire. The message of FEAR is instantaneously flashed to every nerve. Fear goes, not only to our hearts and brains but to every living tissue. All our body organs take up the alarm ready for an ALL OUT effort.

The action of the brain cells speeds up ready for any new emergency. The suprarenal glands of the adrenals just over the kidney throw adrenalin into the blood stream. The thyroid gland in the neck pours thyroid into the blood. The blood pressure rises. The heart action and respiration speed up. The liver dumps glycogen into the blood to energize the muscles. The sweat glands send out cold perspiration to regulate the body temperature. The salivary glands cease to function, causing the mouth to get dry. The hair stands (yes, it really does) up bristly on the head. The body as a whole responds to just one stimulus at a time; and now in FEAR it gives an ALL OUT effort to one response, FLIGHT.

FEAR IS VERY COSTLY TO THE BODY. It is an emergency, calling up a tremendous effort. If it occurs too often it wears the body out.

Courage and fear are not opposites but may be felt by the same person. Great exploits have been accomplished by soldiers who have returned to battle after their wounds have healed.

In the words of the National Research Council, NONE BUT THE BRAVE CAN AFFORD FEAR. Most of us are not brave enough to afford it often.

Let's free ourselves from FEAR OF ILLNESS AND PAIN, and their disastrous economic consequences, by bringing adequate medical care to all our people.

When we talk of visionary plans for a post-war world, let us not forget that four out of ten of our people receive no medical care at all. They cannot afford it. Let us remember that a large section of our population is devalued from common preventable diseases.

Let us drive out FEAR by backing the program to bring vital health to all our people!

An Answer to Those Who Don't Like FR

"The New Deal is Revolutionary."

The New Deal has changed some things in the U. S., but its changes are evolutionary, not revolutionary.

The New Deal is the liberal tradition of our country brought up to date. . . . The President's enlargement of Federal powers is in the tradition of Washington, Hamilton and Lincoln, all of whom insisted on the idea that we could not have a strong nation without a strong central authority, and that some abuses had to be met by Federal and not State authority.

The New Deal is an evolution in which the Jeffersonian and Hamiltonian traditions meet—DR. FRANK KINGDON, author of "That Man in the White House: You and Your President."

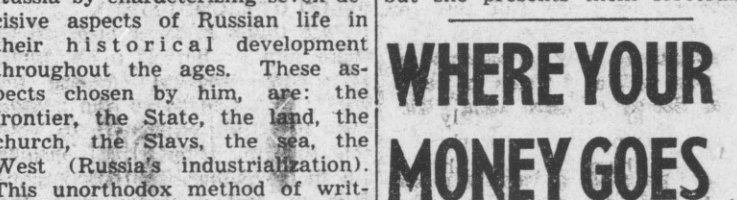
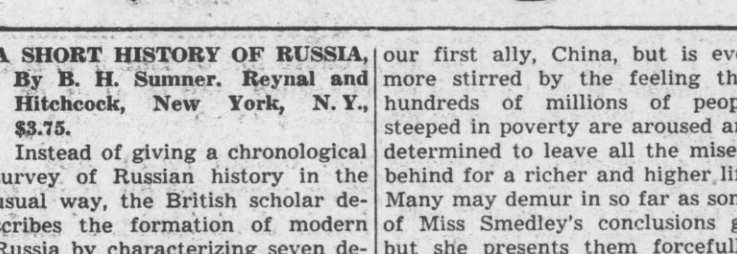
ATTENTION, ADOLPH

One of the workers who helped build the Boeing bombers now dropping bombs right in the heart of Hitler's super-Aryan world is Princess Hsiang-tsa (Shining Feather).

Under her American name of Harriette Shelton Williams, the Indian princess has been working at Boeing's—organized by Lodge 751, International Association of Machinists—since September 1943. By working on the second shift from 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., she is able to serve as postmistress at the Indian Agency at Tulalip from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Then in her spare time she lectures and presents tribal dances for service clubs and other organizations throughout the Puget Sound area. Apparently, getting enough sleep comes under the head of post-war planning.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



Instead of giving a chronological survey of Russian history in the usual way, the British scholar describes the formation of modern Russia by characterizing seven decisive aspects of Russian life in their historical development throughout the ages. These aspects chosen by him, are: the frontier, the State, the land, the church, the Slavs, the sea, the West (Russia's industrialization). This unorthodox method of writing history is, of course, very difficult, but thanks to Mr. Sumner's profound knowledge of his subject it becomes in his hand a means to convey to the reader a singularly plastic impression of the peculiar features distinguishing Russia in the past and in the present. The book is especially valuable in giving attention to the economic and cultural development of Russia, thus avoiding exclusive concentration upon purely political history. The author does not approach the Russian Revolution and its consequences and the policies of the Soviet regime by condemning or praising them before hand, but considers it his task to acquaint the reader with the facts and the peculiarities of Russian history in order to enable him to form his own opinion.

BATTLE HYMN OF CHINA, by Agnes Smedley. Alfred A. Knopf, New York, N.Y., \$3.50.

A life-breathing and instructive story of the Chinese people re-emerging into their true greatness. The authoress not only knows but also understands her vast field. Her warm attitude towards the militant New Fourth Army is revealed throughout in vivid pictures of guerrilla courage. We are told that "A New Chinese womanhood, in many ways far in advance of American womanhood, was being forged on the fierce anvil of war." In reading this book one not only gets to learn about

our first ally, China, but is even more stirred by the feeling that hundreds of millions of people steeped in poverty are aroused and determined to leave all the misery behind for a richer and higher life. Many may demur in so far as some of Miss Smedley's conclusions go, but she presents them forcefully.

HIGHER DOLLARS AND CENTS PRICES—chiefly in retail stores. QUALITY DETERIORATION—a shirt not only costs more, but it lasts only half as long as it used to. FORCED TRADING-UP—cheap items have disappeared from stores, and you have to buy a higher substitute that's usually not so good.

NO MORE SPECIAL AND WEEK-END SALES—you used to be able to save by watching for them. Now they don't exist. MORE RESTAURANT MEALS—war workers have to eat out more at much higher prices.

RENT CHISELING—greatest in working class boarding houses, trailers, etc.

FORCED PURCHASE OF HOMES—real estate agents unload homes at three times their real value on war workers who have to buy in order to have a place to sleep.

Ravenous Appetite

Little beds of iron ore
Little lakes of oil
Make a mighty hunger
For the heathens' soil!

POEM OF THE WEEK

The Melting Pot

O blood of the people! Changeless tide, through century, creed, and race,

Still one as the salt sea is one, though tempered by sun and place;

The same in the ocean currents and the same in the sheltered seas;

Forever the fountain of common hopes and kindly sympathies.

Indian and Negro, Saxon and Celt, Teuton and Latin and Gaul—

Mere surface shadow and sunshine, while the sounding unifies all!

One love, one hope, one duty theirs, no matter the time or ken,

There never was separate heart-beat in all the races of men!

10,000 TEAMSTERS START DRAFT ROOSEVELT CAMPAIGN ROLLING

The 10,000 members of Local 807, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), are filling out draft Roosevelt blanks which appeared in the first issue of the local's new monthly 4-page tabloid.

Re-election of President Roosevelt was urged by IBT Joint Council 16, which represents 50,000 teamsters in this area, in a resolution introduced by Local 807. Backing the stand already taken by International President Daniel J. Tobin, the New York teamsters are urging Roosevelt to "remain at the head of our government in order to assure victory in the war and after the war."

New York City

GIGGLES AND GROANS

DOG-GONE GOOD JUDGMENT

An attorney in Iowa, unaware that a visiting judge disliked many of the laws of that state, brought a couple of armfuls of the statute books to court and piled them up on the floor. A dog happened to wander in, smelled the pile of leather-bound volumes, and immediately raised his hind leg in salute.

The bailiff yelled: "Get that blasted dog out of here!" The judge banged the desk with his gavel and ordered: "Leave that dog alone! His judgment of Iowa statutes is good!"

LAST-MINUTE CHORES

A G. I. Joe was visiting a gal recently.

Along about 11:30 her dad called down the stairs:

"Daughter, you'd better put the cat and wolf out, and come on up to bed."

SUPER-PRECAUTION

A chap offered his favorite girl a ride home the other night. Before entering the car she went around front and inspected the windshield. Asked for her reason for doing this, she replied:

"Oh, I won't ride with a fellow unless he has an A card. Then I won't have so far to walk home."

A REAL CATCH

Classic typographical error was found in the Northwest Organizer. It read:

"That's a lot of fish—39 pounds. For sheer tricks, fight and stamina, give me a small-mouthed bass at sundown, any time!"

KEPT THE APPOINTMENT

The big business man had died and gone to—well, not to heaven. But hardly had he settled down for a nice, long smoke when a hearty hand slapped him on the back, and into his ear came the voice of a persistent salesman who had pestered him much on earth. "Well, Mr. Smith," chortled the salesman, "I'm here for the appointment."

"What appointment?"

"Why, don't you remember?" the salesman went on. "Every time I entered your office on earth, you told me you'd see me here!"

WHO WOULD?

"Did Frances blush when her shoulder strap broke?"

"I didn't notice."

ASK ANY BUSINESS AGENT!

Once upon a time a union official died and somebody asked a close friend of the widow:

"Did her husband leave her much when he died?"

"No, but he left her often while alive."

FAVORITE RECIPE

And then there's the story about the old maid. A waitress was serving her in the restaurant and asked her:

"How would you like your rice?"

And the old maid promptly replied:

"Thrown at me!"

EVEN A WPB CLOCK?

ENGAGED DAME: "He wore my picture over his heart and it stopped a bullet at Guadalcanal."

JEALOUS DAME: "I'm not surprised. It would stop anything."

SAFETY FIRST!

"I do hope you keep your cows in a pasture," said Mrs. Newlywed as she paid the milkman.

"Yes, madam," replied the milkman, "of course we keep them in a pasture."

"I'm so glad I've been told that pasteurized milk is much the best."

REACHED THE TOP

BING CROSBY: Didn't know you had a boy friend in the Army.

CASS DALEY: Sure. He's a Corporal. That's as high as you can go in the Army and still have friends.

OUTCAST OFFSPRING

Critic: "Just what does this picture represent?"

Painter: "Satan's daughters."

Critic: "Oh, hell! Belles, eh?"

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

The following notice appeared in a small-town newspaper: "On next Wednesday evening the Ladies Aid will hold a rummage sale at the Methodist Church. Good chance to get rid of anything not worth keeping, but too good to throw away. Bring along your husband."

KNEW HIS STUFF

Mother missed the eggs from under the turkey hen and asked little Bill if he knew what had become of them.

"Sure I know," said Bill. "I put them in the dog kennel. We want pups, not turkeys."

But Don't Write!

Tell her with kisses, tell her in rhyme.

Say it with money, say it with wine.

Console her with whisky, console her with a drink.

Inform her that you love her, but, kid, not in ink!

GOP Running Mates



Tom and John exchange warm handshakes after the Republican national convention named them as the GOP ticket to beat Roosevelt. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey (left), presidential nominee, and Gov. John W. Bricker, vice-presidential candidate, plan a hot campaign. (Federated Pictures)

California Democracy

By JACKSON H. RALSTON

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In this series of articles, one of the state's best-known champions of the rights of the common people, makes some suggestions to Organized Labor on strengthening the democratic process in California. Jackson H. Ralston, who lives at 1055 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, makes proposals that "the various labor unions may well unite upon as being measures of importance to all forward-looking people of the State.")

Proportional Representation

A reform of great importance is that of proportional representation. Under this a considerable body of people devoted to a great reform can be able to secure representation in their legislative bodies in the reasonable proportion which their followers have to the whole body of electors.

Under this principle, the government of Ireland and of other nations, now successfully operating.

The Legislature bears an approximate relation to the several parties in existence. This is quite at variance with the situation as we find it very frequently in Congress and in legislative halls where, because of a variety of circumstances, great sections may be shut out almost or quite completely from any proper share in legislation. This has led to a correction of the situation in at least one jurisdiction in the United States parallel in numbers with the voters in California. In New York City there are today some seventeen city councilmen elected in rather close proportion to the total number of voters of the respective parties or organizations, or even elected because of their outstanding characters, without respect to any party.

On one occasion the existence of proportional representation in the state of California was prevented by a small adverse majority. It is to be believed that the electorate of California at the time was not sufficiently informed upon the subject. To insure the presence of all legislative bodies of an appropriate representation of the various elements of the community this proposition should be pressed forward again.

(More Next Week)

Believe It or Not!

An elderly preacher was stationed in a section of the deep South where his parishioners didn't have much money for his salary. They did help his budget, though, by inviting him out to dinner.

As his presence would make these meals something of an occasion, there would always be chicken on the table—fried chicken, roast chicken, chicken and dumplings, all kinds of chicken.

It so happened after years of these chicken dinners, the old pastor went fishing one day. He lost his balance and dropped his false teeth in a creek. The clay-colored water quickly covered them and they were lost to his sight.

Studying the situation a moment, the preacher reached into his lunchbox, took out a chicken bone and tied it to his fishing line.

As the bone dropped below the water level, the false teeth jumped from the creek bottom and clamped firmly on it. The preacher then hauled them out with ease.

Vicious Circle

To get his wealth he spent his health.

And then with might and main he turned around and spent his wealth

To get his health again.

UNITED NATIONS FACTS



SCORING SQUADRON!

A NORWEGIAN FIGHTER SQUADRON SHOT DOWN MORE ENEMY PLANES AND LOST FEWER MEN AND PLANES THAN ANY OTHER FIGHTER SQUADRON STATIONED IN ENGLAND LAST YEAR.

TORPEDO JOCKEYS!

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Youth Group Asks GOP For 18-Year Franchise

Chicago, Illinois
Voting rights for citizens between 18 and 21 was asked of the Republican party by the American Youth for Democracy.

The Republican campaign slogan is "If you can't convince 'em, confuse 'em."

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Scared Out of 4 Years Growth... Yomen



By TED TAYLOR

Hollywood, Calif.

Let's play this is a news-

reel and I'm Ed Thorng-

sen. Ready? Typewriter

Highlights from the World

of Amusements! Winchell

wants to be a movie pro-

ducer. He is telling differ-

ent companies about some

short historical films he would like

to write and narrate. . . . Two

movie columnists, Louella Parsons

and Hedda Hopper, sent to report

the Republican convention, bor-

rowed two movie press agents to

do their scurrying. . . .

THE ARMY: MGM turned in

Mickey Rooney and got back Clark

Gable. . . . That report that a

Hollywood glamour girl had en-

listed turned out to be a typo-

graphical mis-identity. . . . MGM's

Lana Turner picture about the

WACS has another delay, this time

until the new WAC uniform is is-

ssued. . . . Gertie from Blazette

is the name of a picture Columbia

will make, only Gertie will come

clean out of those army lyrics. . . .

FALL OF ROME: First U. S.

movie shown in Rome when the

Allies took over was Abbott and

Costello in Hit the Ice. . . . First

personal appearance in Rome by a

movie star was Marlene Dietrich,

who jumped in two days behind

Gen. Mark Clark. . . .

SOAP OPERA: After the Blondie

air show sold Camel cigarettes for

four years someone discovered its

listeners are mainly juveniles.

From now on Blondie will sell

Supersuds. . . . Soap'll get in your

eye in television like in your ears

in radio. The first movie filmed

for telecasting celebrates the mer-

its of Rinso. . . .

MUSIC: Jimmy Dorsey issues a

challenge to all bands who have

an organized baseball team. . . .

A San Fernando cemetery is using

as radio theme song that popular

number: "Never more to roam—

I'll make the San Fernando valley

my home!" . . . Yes, and a new

movie series called Peck's at Holly-

wood devotes its first issue to Bob

Burns' 500-acre rancho in San

Fernando valley. . . .

AFL-CIO AID INDEPENDENT TO WIN PAY ADJUSTMENT

Washington, D. C.

Evidence that there is real sup-

port for all workers regardless of

affiliation in the National War

Labor Board came recently in a

case covering 18,000 workers of

the Bethlehem-Hingham Shipyard

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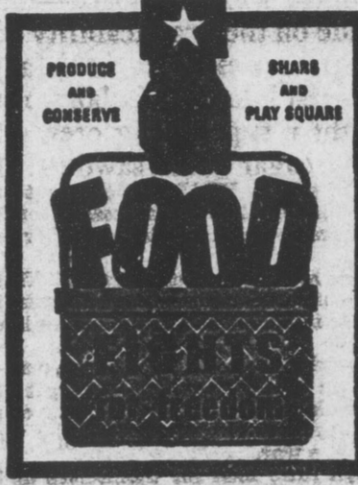
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Cool, Sparkling

Drinks Are

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During the summertime, doctors

advise us to drink about 2 quarts

of liquid a day. This would be

rather dull if we confined our

liquid intake to plain water. But

drinking it up as one of the finely

flavored bottled beverages, and it

becomes a pleasure to absorb the

full amount of liquid per day.

The old standbys may take a lit-

tle perking up. Try serving toma-

to juice with a bit of cucumber

or crisp, crunchy celery to point up

the flavor. Grapefruit juice, un-

excelled as is, takes on some color

with a sprig of mint.

If your taste runs to iced coffee,

you might try adding gingerale or

ice cream, or both. Should you go

for fruit juice drinks, you will like

lemonade with orange ice. There

are a number of milk drinks that

are refreshing. Milk flavored with

fresh fruit, chocolate, peppermint

and other flavorings is delicious.

The refreshing qualities of car-

bonated beverages are important

in the making of summer drinks.

You can make your own ice cream

sodas by simply mixing about two

tablespoons of ice cream with a

half a glass of a favorite carbo-

nated beverage.

While Gov. Thomas E. Dewey

was accepting the Republican

presidential nomination, labor in

New York was mobilizing for a

final battle to prevent him from

distracting the 800,000 service-

men of his state. Demands went

to the governor from AFL, CIO

and National Lawyers Guild that

he accept a federal ballot for

servicemen and call a special ses-

sion of the legislature to remove

the red tape.

Doc Goebels says it will take 10

years to rebuild Berlin. After that

will come the problem of redeco-

rating, but with a different paper-

hanger. —OMAHA WORLD-HER-

ALD.



'White Collar'

Pay Increases Still Held Up

(Release from Office of California
State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

As reported in the "News

Letter" a short time ago,

